land, provided the allottee has already made full payment for the flat. The allottee has to apply in the prescribed form for the permission.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Constructions on Commercial Plots in Bhikhaji Cama Place**

•175. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Wilt the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether constructions on some commercial plots in Bhikhaji Cama Place, New Delhi which were built without the building plans being sanctioned, were regularised in 1985 without charging any compounding-fee under the Building Bye-laws 1983. from non-government parties;

(b) if so, the loss suffered by the Delhi Development Authority as a result thereof; and

(c) what remedial action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The buildings on plot Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 constructed by private builders without getting their building plans sanctioned, were regularised in 1985 by charging compounding fee at the rate of Rs. 25 per sq. metre of the constructed area.

Ob) and (c) The whole matter is now under investigation by the CBI. Further action by the Government in this regard will depend on report of the CBI.

**Study on Industrial Costs and Prices relating to Steel**

*176. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI; DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study report made on 'Industrial Costs and prices' by the Association of Indian Engineering Industry (AIM);

(b) whether it is a fact that steel price in India which is 153 per cent higher than its international price has thrown it out of the world steel market; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to meet this challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. It is not correct that steel prices in India are 153 per cent higher than international prices. As regards exports, the demand of steel within the country exceeds indigen ous production and, therefore, an exportable surplus is generally not available.

(c) The main producers of steel are taking steps to reduce the cost of production by a variety of measures. However, taking into account the demand and availability position in the coming years, a surplus is not likely to be available for export.

**National Urban Development Bank**

177. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)i whether Government propose to set up National Urban Development Bank to meet the financial needs of the civic bodies in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI); (a) and (b) With a view to extending technical help and guidance as well as long-term finance to municipal bodies and local authorities in the country for the formulation and implementation of Urban